

NAVAL BATTLE IN NORTH SEA MAY BREAK SHORTLY

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BRITISH HOLD HILL NO. 60 FROM GERMANS

Violent Assaults Fail to Regain
Vantage Point For Teutons
—Aviators Forestall At-
tempted Mining Operations.

LONDON, April 23.—England is
awaiting the developments of the next
24 hours with outward calm, but be-
neath the surface there is an element
of anxiety that cannot be concealed.
Great operations in the North sea are
believed by the naval experts to be
under way.

Traffic between England and Holland
has stopped by order of the govern-
ment. With only a few exceptions
communication with all the east coast
ports has been cut off.

These two developments, the naval
experts say, are evidence that a great
clash for sea mastery is imminent, if
it has not already begun. While the
announcement in Berlin that British
submarines have invaded Heligoland
light was unconfirmed by the British
admiralty this far, it was generally
accepted as true.

Early in the war Winston Spencer
Churchill, head of the admiralty, said
that England would compel the Ger-
man fleet to come out and fight. The
operations at Heligoland may be part
of the plan to smash the bottle that
has held the German battleship squad-
ron for many months.

Back From France.
Mr. Churchill returned today from
France, where he conferred with the
French minister of marine. While
no official statement has been issued
as to the subject under discussion by
the two men who are directing the
naval operations of the western allies,
it is reported that they took up in de-
tail the North sea situation and the
Tardanelles, laying plans for the most
stupendous naval operations the world
has ever witnessed.

These are said to include arrange-
ments for protecting the landing of
troops at four different points on the
Turkish coast other than Enos, which
is reported evacuated by the Turks
and occupied by soldiers of the allies.
In some quarters the opinion was
expressed today that a decisive stage
of the war had been reached. A dis-
patch from Rotterdam states that the
German government has forbidden
anyone to leave the country at present.

It is believed that such a step would
have been taken only owing to the
fact that Germany is making plans
that must be guarded with the utmost
secrecy.

Hold Hill No. 60.
Despite violent German attacks in
an attempt to recapture Hill No. 60,
the British troops have held their
ground. At Hill No. 60, the British
held the entire crest of the hill, which
is of great strategic importance.

A bi-weekly report sent yesterday
from the headquarters of Field Mar-
shal Sir John French and issued by
the government press bureau today,
states that the attacks have ceased
for the time being.

The report states that the British
have been successful in mining op-
erations about Armentieres, while a
British aviator successfully attacked
the German airship shed at Ghent.

"German attacks on Hill No. 60,
west of Zwartewijk, which has stopped
at the time of my communication on
Monday last, have since been renewed
several times.

These attacks have all failed and
have now ceased for the time being.
We hold the entire crest of the hill
and deny its use to the enemy, who
attach great importance to it. There
was never any truth in the statement
published in a German official com-
munique that the enemy had recaptured
the position.

Mines Do No Damage.
"During the course of operations
the enemy fired shells of 17-inch diam-
eter into Ypres on April 21. In the
neighborhood of La Bassée, the enemy
exploded two mines opposite our right.
They failed to do any damage.

"Our aviators having discovered
German mining operations in the
neighborhood of Letouquet, near Ar-
mentieres, we forestalled all their ef-
forts.

"We exploded three on the morning
of April 22, a mine which had been
prepared. One of our airmen carried
out a very bold and successful single-
handed attack on the airship shed
near Ghent. He had to run the gaunt-
let of a fire directed from a ground
balloon, as well as from a machine gun.
In order to attack the objective.
"He then descended within 200 feet
and effected his object, causing a large
explosion of the shed."

REFUSE MONEY TO HIRE PROSECUTOR IN MUNCIE

MUNCIE, Ind., April 23.—Members
of the law enforcement league were
indignant today on account of the
city council's refusal to grant an ap-
propriation of \$1,000 to pay the ex-
penses of a special prosecutor and
state witnesses in the cases against
city and county officials who are now
under indictment for alleged grafting.
The indicted men include Mayor
Bunch, Chief of Police McInvaln,
deputy Pros. Gene Williams, and
others.

Members of the league who have
been instrumental in the grand jury
investigations declared that action
probably would be taken to mandate
the council to make the appropri-
ation.

German Cycle Squad in Action in Poland



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Just now, with spring thaws turning roads and field into quagmires, the transportation department of all the armies are tied up. But a few weeks ago when the above photograph was taken, before the frost was entirely out of the ground, the German bicycle division operating in Poland was doing wonderful work. The division was located in a sector where good roads and level country abounded, where they could work at their best. The picture shows a squad dismounted and lined up behind trees prepared to engage with a Russian reconnoitering party which they have espied. The cossacks, mounted, offer splendid targets to the wheelmen from their vantage points.

FIFTEEN DIE IN BIG FLOOD

Colorado River at Flood Stage
from Torrential Rains in the
Southwest and Houses are
Blown Down in Tornago.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 23.—Fifteen
persons are dead and enormous prop-
erty damage has been done by floods
that are raging in this section of
Texas today. Reports from surround-
ing territory are expected to increase
the number of dead. One report re-
ceived here stated that at least 35
persons have been drowned. This
could not be confirmed because of
the interruption of communication
between Austin and outlying points.

The Colorado river is at flood stage
and the worst flood in the history of
this stream was in prospect today.
In this section of Texas have been
called out to patrol the banks of the
river and smaller streams. Shovel
creek at this point is more than a
mile wide. Rescue squads were work-
ing today taking persons off houses
and barns as they floated by in the
creek.

The bodies of an unidentified man
and woman and three negro children
were taken from Waller creek today.
It was still raining hard here at 10
o'clock this morning.

Houses Are Piled Up.
Latest reports stated that 13 persons
were known to be dead in a few
miles of Austin. Most of them were
negroes. Thirty houses were piled up
against the Waller creek bridge in
this city. Eight inches of rain has
fallen here during three hours while
the rain storm was at its height.

At Electra, Texas, several oil de-
rivers were blown down and more than
a dozen big oil tanks were destroyed
by fire. The Pierce-Fordyce oil ware-
house in Dallas was struck by light-
ning and destroyed by a fire which
followed. The loss was estimated at
\$100,000. Fire destroyed the build-
ings on the Thrall oil field at Taylor,
Texas, the loss being estimated at
\$55,000.

Most of the factories in Dallas,
Austin, Fort Worth and several other
cities have been forced to suspend as
the result of the storm.

From Childress today came a report
that a score of houses there were
blown down and much live stock was
killed. A message from there stated
that chickens in some yards were com-
pletely denuded of feathers by the
flooded wind.

Seven persons were injured, three
of whom may die, in a tornado which
visited Shawnee, Okla.

Eight Die in One House.
In Austin eight persons died in one
house when it was swept down Waller
creek. They were C. E. Ezell, E. S.
Ezell, Martha Ezell, C. S. Ezell, Mr.
and Mrs. H. King, Harvey King and
Helen King. Tom Quinn, a city fire-
man, was drowned while assisting
with rescue work today. Others dead
here are William and Rachel Curtis
and Mr. and Mrs. Winkler.

During last night the Brazos river
at Waco rose 11 feet. The lowlands
around Waco are inundated and hun-
dreds of persons have been forced to
flee.

More than 100 feet of Houston and
Texas Central's tracks near Brenond
were washed away. The Arkansas
Pass road was not attempting to op-
erate trains.

In Gordon valley, Texas, Douglas
Vease was killed by lightning.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

LONDON, April 23.—A day-
night raid of English coast towns
by Zeppelins is reported in a dis-
patch from Blyth. This states
that two Zeppelins are lying over
the Northumberland coast.

BERLIN (by wireless), April
23.—Marked gains by the Ger-
mans in Flanders were announced
in today's report from the Ger-
man general staff. The report
states that the villages of Lange-
marck, Steenstraad, Heitsas and
Pulken were captured Thursday
by the Kaiser's troops.

At the same time that the gen-
eral staff's report announced im-
portant gains for the Germans on
the western end of the battle
front it admitted a French gain
near St. Mihiel.

LONDON, April 23.—After a
full of several days German sub-
marines have resumed their op-
erations in the North sea. The
trawler St. Lawrence was tor-
pedoed Thursday in the North
sea. Two men of her crew being
killed. Seven survivors of the
trawler's crew were landed at
Grimsby today. They were pick-
ed up at sea by the trawler
Queensdown.

LISBON, April 23.—Martial
law was proclaimed in Portugal
today following the action of five
municipal chambers in refusing
to accept the validity of govern-
ment decrees. The chamber of
porto has been dissolved. Simi-
lar action will be taken at Lis-
bon. Troops have been sent to
other towns affected.

PETROGRAD, April 23.—
Weather conditions in the Carpa-
thians have now improved to such
an extent that the Russians have
been enabled to resume their of-
fensive against the Austro-Ger-
man positions at Ussok cross. The
flooded rivers are subsiding and
the Russians are making forward
progress with their heavy artil-
lery.

FRENCH CUT GERMAN WEDGE AT ST. MIHIEL

Insistent Attacks Slowly Make
Kaiser's Position More
Untenable.

PARIS, April 23.—Bit by bit the
French attacks are cutting into the
German wedge at St. Mihiel. The
capture of two lines of trenches in
the forest of Apremont, which lies
south of the German salient, is re-
garded here as most important. If
the French can recapture the north-
ern part of the forest, which was
taken by the Germans early in the
war, they will render untenable the
positions of the Kaiser's troops and
strengthen their line.

While the official communique is-
sued here today states there is noth-
ing to add to last night's report, un-
official reports from the front say
that violent fighting is proceeding in
the forest of Apremont, the Germans
launching repeated attacks in efforts
to regain the lost trenches.

The battle of the Cliffs in Alsace, is
proceeding without cessation. This
campaign on the crests and in the
valleys of the Vosges is waged under
difficult conditions. It may drag along
for several weeks before a decisive
result is attained but the French
claim gains on both banks of the
Fecht river.

THAW WINS A SANITY TRIAL

Justice Hendrick Rules Appli-
cation for Writ of Habeas
Corpus for Stanford White's
Slayer May Be Tried by Jury.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Harry K.
Thaw has won his long fight for a
sanity trial. Justice Hendrick of the
supreme court today handed down a
decision granting the slayer of Stan-
ford White a hearing to determine
whether he is sane or insane.

The trial of Thaw's sanity will be
conducted before a jury. Justice
Hendrick deciding that it was within
his power to grant this request.
Thaw took his victory calmly as he
has taken previous defeats smiling
when the court handed down the de-
cision which was a long one, going
fully into the merits of the case.

Thaw heavily guarded while in
court and while on his way there be-
cause of reports that efforts would be
made to rescue him from the authori-
ties. If the decision were against him,
Thaw would have been committed to
an asylum.

The decision was on a writ of
habeas corpus sworn out by Atty.
Stanfield several weeks ago. No
date for the trial was set in the de-
cision.

"This decision will be fine news for
my mother," said Thaw. He declined
to discuss whether he could satisfy the
jury that he was sane, smilingly
saying that that was for the jury to
decide.

By agreement of counsel Justice
Hendrick later set the date for the
trial for May 17. The jury will be
drawn from the regular panel.
As Thaw left the court room to re-
turn to his cell in the Tombs he was
compelled to shake hands with more
than 200 persons who crowded about
to congratulate him. The turn given
the case by his victory caused his
guards to drop any idea that he
might attempt to escape and they
permitted the spectators to crowd
about him.

Trial for May 17.
It was announced by Deputy Atty.
Gen. Obermeyer that Deputy Atty.
Gen. Frank K. Cook would represent
the state at the sanity trial. Atty.
Stanfield will be chief counsel for
Thaw.

May 17 was the date set for the
trial.

The important part of the decision
from the court was couched in the
following language:
"I believe the court has the authori-
ty to order a trial by jury, on the
writ of habeas corpus. From my re-
search I believe that all the elements
that have entered into this case since
the night Stanford White was slain on
the Madison Square roof show that
the interests of society would be best
served by trying this writ before a
jury. I therefore order a trial by
jury."

The greater part of the decision,
after the preliminary statement that
"this is an application on a writ of
habeas corpus for a trial by a jury of
the question of fact whether or not
Harry K. Thaw is insane at the pres-
ent time," was devoted to the citation
of precedents for the court's action.

DEFEW IS 81 TODAY.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Chauncey
M. Defew was 81 years old today. He
said he was just as able to work 16
hours a day as ever, but being a
union man, confined his labors to
eight hours daily.

SEEK TO SETTLE STRIKE

Carpenters' and Contractors' Commit-
tees Get Together.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The prelimi-
nary sparring over representatives
of the carpenters' union of Chicago
and the carpenters-constructors' as-
sociation settled down to business today
in the hope of bringing about a friend-
ly settlement of the strike of car-
penters which has thrown more than
150,000 men out of employment. The
two committees began negotiations to-
day where they were broken off a
month ago, when the two sides failed
to agree on an increase in wages
for the carpenters.

It was expected the negotiations
will last for several weeks. Mean-
while the strike will remain in force.
The state board of arbitration with-
drew from the field, leaving the car-
penters and the employers to settle
their differences among themselves.

NO DAMAGE FROM QUAKE

Shocks in Washington Not Violent
Enough to Harm.

TACOMA, Wash., April 23.—No
damage was reported today as the re-
sult of yesterday's earthquake which
was felt in South Tacoma and for 12
miles in the direction of Point De-
bance. Residents of that section said
the quake was not of sufficient vi-
olence to do any damage beyond the
breaking of a few window panes.

KNIGHTS FORCED TO MOVE

CHICAGO, April 23.—More than 50
Knights of Pythias lodges must move
their down-town quarters as soon as
their leases expire, as the result of
an order issued by Thomas William-
son of Edwardsville, head of the lodge
in Illinois, that lodges cannot meet in
buildings in which saloons are housed
that are kept open on Sunday.

RUSSIANS MAKE RAID ON PLOCK AND MLAWA

Drop Bombs on German Supply
Boats and Transports—
Missiles Weigh 500 Lbs.

PETROGRAD, April 23.—Russian
aviators bombarded the Germans at
Plock and Mlawka Thursday, causing
severe damage. These two raids were
in retaliation for an attack made up-
on Warsaw by a German aviator the
preceding day.

In a flight over Plock, a Russian
airship threw 15 bombs upon the city.
Some struck German supply boats in
the Vistula river, while others burst
in the city square among the German
transports.

Four Russian airships bombarded
the railway station at Mlawka and the
German aerodrome at Samiky, near
by. Each of the airships dropped
bombs weighing more than 500
pounds. Three struck the station,
two fell in the aerodrome hangars and
two hit unsheltered aeroplanes. Others
were dropped in the German trenches
about Mlawka.

Though subjected to a heavy fire
from the German gunners, the air-
ships were undamaged and returned
to their stations.

The German aviator who attacked
Warsaw Wednesday morning dropped
three bombs, none of which caused
serious damage. During the after-
noon three other German aeroplanes
tried to approach the city, but were
driven away before they could pass
the forts.

"Unfired Food" too Much for Wife of This Dietetic Crank

CHICAGO, April 23.—Eating food
that had not been cooked proved too
great a hardship for Mrs. Elizabeth
Drews. She has started suit for divorce
against Prof. George J. Drews, doctor
of elimination, doctor of chiropractic,
doctor of dietetics and president of the
Apytrophers' society, an organiza-
tion of persons who eat unfired food.

In the household of the Drews, ac-
cording to the wife, no food was ever
defiled by the foul finger of fire. Fire-
honey was used as a substitute for
sugar, and one of the delicacies that
frequently graced the Drews' table
was sliced raw potatoes spread with
honey.

The almost daily menu, Mrs. Drew
says she was forced to sit down to
was:

Breakfast—Drink of water or juice
of sweet herb; fruit (plain or salad);
nuts (almonds, walnuts or peanuts).

Luncheon—The same as breakfast.

Dinner—Drink of water or juice of
sweet herb; vegetable salad (dock,
dandelions, sour spinach or aspara-
gus); relish (fruit or raw potatoes
with honey).

At the home of her parents today
Mrs. Drew consumed a large sirloin
steak for breakfast.

BEGIN PROBE OF HOW ROBERTS RAISED PAY

Find Several Schemes Whereby
Terre Haute Money
Was Used.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 23.—
Testimony concerning the method
whereby Donn M. Roberts, as mayor
of Terre Haute, succeeded in boost-
ing his salary from \$3,000 to \$4,000,
was introduced today in the impeach-
ment proceedings against Roberts in
the trial before the city council.

Vorhees Griffith, who was ousted
by Roberts as city controller, identi-
fied vouchers signed by Roberts for
his pay.

William Slinkard, an attorney of
Bloomfield, appeared at the opening
of the proceedings and said he would
act as Roberts' attorney.

A bill for \$80 for repairs to Harry
Montgomery's automobile was also
identified by Griffith, who said the
claim was paid on the order of Rob-
erts. Although Montgomery was presi-
dent of the board of works, the coun-
cil contends that the bill for repairs
was a private one and should not have
been paid by the city.

An alleged conspiracy on the part
of Roberts to make city funds avail-
able for street contractors also was
suggested. Griffith testified exten-
sively that he had been told by Rob-
erts that the city sinking fund com-
missioners to sink \$50,000 in county
road bonds.

"I told Roberts that that would be il-
legal," said Griffith. "City atty.
Charles Batt also told him the pro-
ceedings were illegal. 'I'll get you
an opinion that is worth something,'
Roberts said. He called up Atty. Eph-
linman who also told him it was il-
legal."

Roberts Still Runs Things.
That Roberts is exercising the func-
tions of his office as chief executive
of Terre Haute from behind prison
walls, to a considerable extent, has
long been known today. Two policemen
who were dismissed this week are said
to have lost their jobs through a
policy of retrenchment instigated by
Roberts who also directed that their
vacancies be indefinitely left open.

In their communications to subor-
dinate officials it is said that Roberts
has made it known that he will have
a hand in the appointment of any new
officials.

Roberts also has ordered his at-
torneys to bitterly oppose any efforts
to remove him from office and added
that he has not given up his project
of being released by bond.

DIXIE ROAD COMMISSION ORGANIZES IN LOUISVILLE

Selection of Route Is Not Likely to
Be Reached at Today's Session.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 23.—The
Dixie highway commission, compris-
ing representatives of Illinois, Indiana,
Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia
and Florida, convened here today to
organize. The commission was ap-
pointed by the governors of the seven
interested states by authority vested
in them at the Chattanooga confer-
ence of governors. None of the gov-
ernors will be present. Gov. Mc-
Creary of Kentucky stating that it is
thought best to avoid any appearance
of trying to influence the commission.

While the call sets forth the selec-
tion of the route of the highway, it is
not likely that this will be done at to-
day's session, but that a later meeting
will be held for this purpose.

CHICAGO ELKS TO BUILD Announce Plans For \$200,000 Club House.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The Chicago
lodge, B. P. O. Elks, today announced
that the building plans for the new
\$200,000 club house have been ap-
proved by the governors of the seven
interested states by authority vested
in them at the Chattanooga confer-
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THIRTY FIREMEN OVERCOME
Acid Tank Overflows During Blaze
and Three Men Die.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Thirty fire-
men were overcome by deadly fumes
today when a tank containing 20 gal-
lons of nitric and sulphuric acid over-
flowed during a fire in the Sheffield
Standard Plate Co. building, at 265-
268 Canal st. Three of the firemen
were removed to hospitals and it is
feared they will die.

The loss was \$10,000.

ROOSEVELT TRIED TO SAVE BARNES HE TELLS JURY

Cross-Examination of Colonel
Leads to "Fireworks" in
Court and Barnes' Counsel
Draws Rebuke.

ASSERTS G.O.P. LEADER WAS JEKYLL AND HYDE

Defendant Testifies He Severed
Relations with the Plaintiff
When "Hyde" Began to Get
the Upper Hand.

COURT HOUSE, SYRACUSE, N.
Y., April 23.—Damon and Pythias
and David and Jonathan were no
more devoted to each others' inter-
ests than were Theodore Roosevelt
and William Barnes before the col-
onel discovered, he said, that Mr.
Barnes was a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr.
Hyde.

When Mr. Hyde got the upper hand
of the combination Mr. Roosevelt and
Mr. Barnes fell out.

The colonel was interested in
Barnes because he was trying to re-
form him, according to Roosevelt's
testimony under cross-examination
by William M. Ivins, today. He be-
lieved Barnes above the average
politician morally, he said, and he
wanted to make Barnes a useful citi-
zen.

According to the colonel, Mr.
Barnes was a Jekyll and Hyde and
he wanted to preserve Dr. Jekyll, but
Mr. Hyde absorbed him. When Mr.
Hyde got the upper hand in 1911, the
colonel and Mr. Barnes came to the
parting of the ways. But letters
passed between Barnes and Roosevelt
in 1908-1909 showing an extremely
friendly tone and Roosevelt admitted
that he entertained Mr. Barnes and
his wife in the white house at Wash-
ington and the executive mansion at
Albany.

Attorney Is Rebuked.

Mr. Roosevelt was still the hero of
the court room crowd as he literally
fought his way out to luncheon when
court recessed.

The morning session of the col-
onel's fourth day on the witness stand
was marked by frequent clashes with
Mr. Ivins.

Mr. Ivins sought at every turn to
confine the colonel's answers and won
for himself a stern rebuke from
Justice Andrews when he demanded
that "this witness is apparent from to-
day's sharp encounters that the col-
onel had proved a Tartar to Mr.
Ivins and was not being led into any
snare trap by the chief counsel for
Mr. Barnes."

Col. Roosevelt was called to the
stand for further cross-examination
when court reconvened. He was
smiling as he took his seat, but did
not glance in the direction of Mr.
Barnes.

Questioned About Legislation.

The first question put to the col-
onel by Mr. Ivins dealt with the Albany
legislation, while Roosevelt was gov-
ernor.

"Who were the leaders in Albany
then?" asked Mr. Ivins.

"I do not know," said the col-
onel.

"Who was the chairman of the
finance committee and the ways and
means committee?"

"I remember that Mr. Higgins (once
governor) was chairman of the finance
committee."

"Who was chairman of the ways
and means committee?"